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SUBJECT: DUTCH AID TO CUBA: ANOTHER ROUND

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1. TWO LIBERAL (OPPOSITION) MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HAVE SUBMITTED WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL ASKING IF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER JAN PRONK'S STATEMENT COMPARING CUBAN AID TO ANGOLA WITH US LIBERATION OF EUROPE DURING WWII REPRESENTED OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT POLICY.

2. PRONK'S STATEMENT WAS MADE IN A RADIO INTERVIEW IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM OF HIS 15-MILLION GUILDERS (2.47 GUILDERS EQUAL ONE DOLLAR) AID PROGRAM FOR CUBA. HE SAID: "WHAT CUBA, AS AN ALLY OF ANGOLA, WAS DOING IN AFRICA HARDLY DIFFERED FROM WHAT THE US DID IN LIBERATING WESTERN EUROPE DURING THE WAR." PRONK ALSO REITERATED HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS THAT CUBA HAD MADE BETTER USE OF UNDP MONEY THAN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND THAT DUTCH AID TO CUBA WAS NOT BEING DIVERTED TO MILITARY PURPOSES IN AFRICA. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD REVIEW  
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DUTCH AID TO CUBA IF IT WERE SHOWN THAT IT WAS BEING DIVERTED TO CUBA'S AFRICAN VENTURES.

3. COMMENT: PRONK'S SHARP REMARKS ARE AN OBVIOUS EMBARRASSMENT TO GOVERNMENT AT OPENING OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, AND OPPOSITION WILL SEEK TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE. PRONK'S DOCTRINAIRE POSITION ON CUBA AND HIS PENCHANT FOR CRITICISM OF US COMBINED

ON THIS OCCASION IN PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE WAY.  
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